

Remarks

A petition for a two-month extension of time accompanies this request.

Claims 1-25 are currently pending in the patent application. For the reasons and arguments set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention is allowable over the cited references.

Claims 1-25 are not anticipated by the "Engler paper" (Bugs as Deviant Behavior: A General Approach to Inferring Errors in Systems Code, 2001 to Engler et al.).

Engler does not qualify as prior art under either of 35 USC §102(a) or (b) based on the accompanying affidavit under 37 CFR §1.131 and the priority date of the current application.


The affidavit establishes that the Applicant is the sole inventor of the claimed invention which is described in the Engler paper. Thus, the invention was not known by others before Applicant's invention under 35 USC §102(a).

The current application claims priority to the U.S. provisional application number 60/419,990, which was filed on October 21, 2002. The publication date of Engler appears to be October 22, 2001, which is less than one year prior to the date of the provisional application.

In view of the above discussion, Applicant believes that each of the rejections has been overcome and the application is in condition for allowance. A favorable response is requested. Should there be any remaining issues that could be readily addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (651) 259-2301.

Respectfully submitted,

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